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**INNOVATIVE RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS**

Curriculum of the Educational Institution
in the Academic Discipline for the Specialty
7-06-0312-01 Political Science

The curriculum is based on the In-depth Higher Education Standard ESHE 7-06-0312-01-2023 and model curriculum for the specialty 7-06-0312-01 «Political Science», Profilization «Economic Political Science: analysis and forecasting of political processes».

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RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

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Methodological Commission for the academic disciplines of the social and humanitarian module, in the specialties of "Psychology", "Sociology", "Political Science (by direction)", "Political Science", "Philosophy", "Economics" with the profile "Economic Psychology" of the educational institution "Belarusian State Economic University"

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Scientific and Methodological Council of the educational institution "Belarusian State Economic University"

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The curriculum for the academic discipline "Innovative Research in Political Science in the Republic of Belarus" is aimed at the acquisition by Master's students of knowledge and skills that are an integral component of their professional training. Master's students' study of political ideas, detailed analysis of political science texts increases the effectiveness of mastering theoretical training courses in philosophy and methodology of science. The academic discipline "Innovative Research in Political Science in the Republic of Belarus" is a discipline of profiling for Master's students studying at the speciality 7–06–0312–01 "Political Science" (profiling "Economic Political Science: Analysis and Forecasting of Political Processes").

The purpose of teaching the academic discipline "Innovative Research in Political Science in the Republic of Belarus" is to create conditions for master students to master new, unconventional approaches that allow them to understand the dynamically changing world of modern politics, to familiarise themselves with methodological approaches in political research.

Achievement of the set goal implies the following **tasks**:

- Systematise information on the wide range of interdisciplinary scientific tools used in contemporary policy research.
- To create conditions for competent orientation of undergraduates in complex, contradictory socio–political processes of the modern world, based on a creative understanding of political realities of the past and modern development of civil society and the state.
- To contribute to the formation of political consciousness of undergraduates, adequate to the modern perception of political reality.
- To create conditions for mastering by master students the links between socio–economic and political processes, social mechanisms of power legitimisation.

As a result of studying the academic discipline "Innovative research on political sciences in the Republic of Belarus" the following **competences are formed**:

- Analyse and apply knowledge of laws and regularities of regulation of socio–political relations to concrete political situations, formation and implementation of political course, development of state policy directions.
- To apply advanced theoretical, methodological and practical knowledge and skills to solve professional problems of advanced level in the sphere of public policy and management, in scientific research of political institutions and processes, to possess the tools of formation and implementation of public policy.

As a result of studying the academic discipline, the student should:

to know:

- the structure and reasons for the emergence of the main political theories;
- the arguments of the proponents of different approaches in political science;
- the main methods of political research in the history of political science.

be able to:

- to characterise the content of political theories in their historical and chronological comparison at the global and local levels;
- to use the main methodological tools of political research;

- to be guided by the main conceptual approaches in the world political science of the XX century;
- to objectively assess the state and dynamics of political processes in modern society.

have a skill:

- vision of alternatives and different approaches, ways of solving political problems;
 - application of theoretical knowledge to the analysis and evaluation of political events and phenomena;
 - drawing up schemes, comparative tables, identifying the features of the activities of subjects of the political process;
- political research in analysing political phenomena.

As part of the educational process in this discipline, the student should acquire not only theoretical and practical knowledge, skills and abilities in the speciality, but also develop his/her value–personal, spiritual potential, form the qualities of a patriot and citizen, ready to actively participate in the economic, industrial, socio–cultural and social life of the country.

The academic discipline "Innovative Research in Political Science in the Republic of Belarus" belongs to the module "Theoretical Problems of Modern Political Science" of the state component.

The discipline "Innovative Research in Political Science in the Republic of Belarus" is related to a number of other disciplines, such as "Methods of Political Analysis and Modern Digital Technologies", "New Media and Strategic Communications in Politics and Governance", "Methods of Teaching Political Science in Higher Education".

Form of higher education: full–time.

In accordance with the curriculum of the university the study of the discipline is allocated:

total number of teaching hours – 96, classroom hours – 32 hours, of which lectures – 14 hours, seminars – 18 hours.

Distribution of classroom time by courses and semesters:

Semester – 1, – lectures – 14 hours, seminars – 18 hours.

Independent work of the student – 64 hours.

Labour intensity – 3 credit units.

Form of interim certification – examination.

CONTENT OF TRAINING MATERIAL

SECTION I. THEORETICAL AND CONCEPTUAL FOUNDATIONS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AS A SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL DISCIPLINE

Topic 1.1 Political science as theory and applied research

The structure of political science. The nature of political science knowledge: normative, descriptive and causal knowledge. Research paradigms: theological, naturalistic, social and rational–critical. General methods of political science. General logical and empirical methods. Concepts and tasks of applied political science. The role of behaviourism in the development of empirical analysis. Subjects and scope of applied political science.

Formation of political science as a scientific and academic discipline in Belarus. Centres of Political Science in the Republic of Belarus (Belarusian State University, Belarusian State Economic University, Centre of Political Science of the Institute of Sociology of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus).

Topic 1.2 Methodological approaches in modern political science

The essence of methodology and trends of its development in political science. Modern methodological approaches. Institutionalism, "new institutionalism", normative institutionalism, historical institutionalism. Comparative (comparative) approach. D. Bari's rules of comparative research. Types of comparisons: case-study, binary, regional, global, cross–temporal. Behavioural (behaviouralist) approach. Theory of rational choice. The theory of justice. The use of modern methodological approaches in political science of the Republic of Belarus.

SECTION II. APPLIED INNOVATIVE POLICY RESEARCH

Topic 2.1 Public policy: the field of theoretical analysis and social practice

Political decision-making process: methodology of functional approach. Theory of the decision-making process. Formation of the methodology of the functional approach. Functional approach in political science. Functional approach as a modern analytical methodology. Procedural definition of functional analysis in political theory. Functional study of public policy: causal and prescriptive (prescriptive) analysis.

Technology of the process of making and realising political decisions. Problem-oriented essence of public policy. Formation of the agenda of the political process. The structure of political decision-making. Descriptive technologies of the functional approach and explanatory technologies of the functional approach. Realisation of political decisions. Instrumental technologies of the functional approach. Evaluation of political decisions. Functional analysis of public policy evaluation.

Processes of decision–making and implementation of decisions to ensure the safety of human life. National-state interests and globalisation. National security.

Public and personal security.

Theme 2.2 Citizenship and civil society

Forms of relations between society and power. Theory and methodology of the study of civil society and citizenship. Social self-organisation as a way to implement the subjectivity of society. Evolution of ideas about civil society as an institutional form of the relationship between society and power. Civil society as a resource of governability in Western societies. Citizenship as a form of interrelation of society and power in the East Slavic civilisation. Social order and governability in society. Power and order. Behavioural stereotypes of citizenship.

The phenomenon of civil society in the works of I.V. Kotlyarov, O.I. Ermak, A.V. Gavrikov and others.

Topic 2.3 Modern Democracy

The democracy of classical liberalism. Collectivist democracy. Plebiscitary party democracy. Pluralist theory of democracy. Group as the main subject of politics. Democracy as a balance of group interests. General features of pluralistic theories of democracy. The role of the masses in modern democracies. Representative democracy. Participatory democracy. Democracy, equality, social justice. Rational-utitarian justifications of democracy. Systemic justifications of democracy. Peculiarities of transition to democracy of post-socialist countries. Chinese model of reforming.

The Phenomenon of Democracy in the Works of N.A. Antanovich, N.V. Lyakhovich–Petrakova, S.V. Reshetnikov, and others.

Topic 2.4 Information and communication technologies in modern politics

The role of communications in politics. Development of means of political communications. The main channels and peculiarities of political influence of mass media. Rational and emotional impact of the media. Political manipulation and ways of its limitation. Social myths as the basis of manipulation. Methods of manipulation. Information and social technologies. Information and psychological tools of modern geopolitical confrontation.

The study of Internet activity of political institutions of the Republic of Belarus (works by O.G. Kazak, K.I. Kostinevich, K.L. Snisarenko, etc.). The study of politics in the sphere of digital transformation (works by E.M. Ilyina).

Topic 2.5 Political elites

The main directions of modern elitist theory. Value theories. Theories of democratic elitism. Concepts of pluralism of elites. Left-liberal concepts. Typology of elites. Effectiveness and integration of the elite. Social representativeness of the elite. Systems of elite recruitment. The nomenclature system and its consequences. Features of the Belarusian political elite.

Theme 2.6 Innovation Strategies of Globalisation

Perspectives and challenges of globalisation strategies. Innovative policy trends in globalisation. Soft power diplomacy – priority of China's strategies. Globalisation of bourgeois liberalism ideas – priority of US strategies. Diversification of the strategic potential of leadership and political influence of the USA – PRC – Russian Federation. European approaches to innovative political strategies. Dynamics of limitations and prospects of global strategies.

Strategy of ensuring national competitiveness in the context of globalisation. Technological security – the basis of national competitiveness. System environment of technological security strategies. "Balance of relations" in the sphere of globalisation of competitive strategies. Strategy of recruiting and screening of global competitiveness elites. Management of innovative development.

Methodology of innovative development in globalisation strategies. Intellectualisation of innovative development strategies. Globalisation of information resources of development strategies. Analytical interpretation of models of innovative strategies. Strategies of globalisation of the world cultural heritage.

Strategic planning – the basis for innovative growth. Structure of the concept of strategic planning. Economic globalisation – chances and challenges to national development strategies. Strategic horizons of life cycles of objects of innovative development. Information support of innovation strategies. Forecasting technologies of growth strategies.

EDUCATIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL MAP OF THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE « INNOVATIVE RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS »

Full-time study

Section number, topic	Section title, topic	Number of auditorium hours							Bibliography	Assessment method	
		Lectures	Practical sessions	Seminars	Laboratory sessions	Number of hours of supervised independent study					
						lectures	practical sessions	seminar sessions			
1 semester											
Section I	The theoretical and conceptual foundations of political science as an academic and teaching discipline										
Topic 1.1	Political science as theory and applied research	2							[2–5, 16–18]	Oral frontal questioning, quick tests	
	Seminar. Political Science as Theory and Applied Research			2					[2–5, 16–18]	Surveys, essays	
Topic 1.2	Methodological approaches in contemporary political science	2							[2–5, 16–18]	Oral frontal questioning, quick tests	
	Seminar. Methodological approaches in contemporary political science			2					[2–5, 16–18]	Written work, essays	
Section II	Applied innovative policy research										
Topic 2.1	Public policy: a field of theoretical analysis and social practice	2							[1–5, 16–18]	Oral frontal questioning, quick tests	
	Seminar. Public policy: a field of theoretical analysis and social practice			2					[1–5, 16–18]	Surveys, essays	
Topic 2.2	Civic-mindedness and civil society	2							[1–5, 16–18]	Oral frontal questioning, quick tests	
	Seminar. Citizenship and civil society			4					[1–5, 16–18]	Essays, quick quizzes during lessons	
Topic 2.3	Modern democracy	2							[1–5, 9, 12, 16–18]	Oral frontal questioning, quick tests	

Section number, topic	Section title, topic	Number of auditorium hours							Bibliography	Assessment method
		Lectures	Practical sessions	Seminars	Laboratory sessions	Number of hours of supervised independent study				
						lectures	practical sessions	seminar sessions		
	Seminar. Modern democracy			2					[1–5, 9, 12, 16–18]	Quick quiz during lessons
Topic 2.4	Information and Communication Technologies in Modern Politics	2							[1–15]	Oral frontal questioning, quick tests
	Seminar. Information and communication technologies in modern politics			2					[1–15]	Surveys, essays
Topic 2.5	Political elites	2							[1–5, 16–18]	Oral frontal questioning, quick tests
	Seminar. Political elites			2					[1–5, 16–18]	Essays, term papers
Topic 2.6	Seminar. Innovative strategies for globalisation			2					[2–5, 16–18]	Written assignment
	Total for Semester I	14		18						Exam
	Total hours	14		18						

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List of questions for the examination

1. The Structure of Political Science.
2. Political science knowledge: normative, descriptive and causal.
3. Research Methods in Political Science.
4. Research paradigms in political science.
5. The Development of Political Science in the Republic of Belarus.
6. Research topics in political science in the Republic of Belarus.
7. Concepts and objectives of applied political science. Research on applied political science in the Republic of Belarus.
8. The institutional approach in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
9. The comparative approach in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
10. The use of the case study method in research by Belarusian political scientists.
11. The behavioral approach in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
12. The theory of political decision-making in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
13. The issues of national interests and globalisation in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
14. Theory and methodology of civil society research in the works of Belarusian political scientists.
15. Проблема политической власти в исследованиях белорусских политологов.
16. The nature of democracy in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
17. Studies of political culture in the Republic of Belarus.
18. Studies of political systems in the Republic of Belarus.
19. Party politics in the Republic of Belarus.
20. A Study of Interest Groups in the Republic of Belarus.
21. The challenges of the transition to democracy in post-socialist countries as examined by Belarusian political scientists.
22. Political communication in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
23. The issue of political manipulation in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
24. The problem of political myths in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
25. Theories of political elites in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
26. An examination of the characteristics of the Belarusian political elite.
27. The Prospects and Challenges of Globalisation Strategies in the Research of Belarusian Political Scientists.
28. The issue of innovative development in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
29. Issues in international relations in the research of Belarusian political scientists.
30. A Study of the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Belarus.

Organising independent study for students

Independent study is a key step in acquiring the skills required for the course.

Full-time students are allocated 50 hours for independent study.

The content of the students' independent study covers all the topics of the course listed in the «Course Content» section.

The following forms of independent study are used in this course:

in-depth study of sections, topics, specific issues and concepts;

working with educational, reference, analytical and other literature and materials;

conducting information searches and compiling thematic collections of literary and online sources;

conducting information searches and compiling thematic collections of literary and online sources;

analytical processing of texts (annotation, summarisation, and review).

Assessment of knowledge retention

The assessment of learning outcomes is carried out as part of ongoing monitoring and interim assessments.

Forms of *ongoing* assessment are carried out throughout the semester and include the following:

test;

classroom quiz;

survey;

essay;

written assignment.

The result of the termly assessment is graded on a ten-point scale and is calculated based on the marks awarded during the termly assessment activities held throughout the term.

Requirements for students taking the interim assessment.

Students are eligible to sit the mid-term assessment for a course provided they have successfully completed the ongoing assessment (i.e. the ongoing assessment tasks) for that course, as specified in the current semester's curriculum.

The mid-term assessment takes the form of an exam.

Methodology for awarding marks in an academic subject

In accordance with the Regulations on the Grading System for Assessing Students' Knowledge, Skills and Competences at BGEU.

PROTOCOL FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE CURRICULUM
WITH OTHER ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES OF THE SPECIALTY

Name of the course requiring approval	Name of the department	Proposals for changes to the curriculum of a higher education institution regarding a particular subject	Decision taken by the department responsible for developing the curriculum (specifying the date and reference number of the protocol)
Philosophy and methodology of science	Department of Philosophy	No comments or suggestions <i>By unanimous</i> <i>Prof. D.D. Lashchen</i>	The curriculum for the academic discipline «Innovative research in political science in the Republic of Belarus» recommend for approval (protocol № ____ of ____ 2026)

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE CURRICULUM
OF THE ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE «INNOVATIVE RESEARCH IN POLITICAL
SCIENCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS»,
(Registration № _____ of _____)
for 2024/2025 academic year

№	Additions and amendments	Reason

The curriculum has been revised and approved at a meeting of the Department of Political Science (protocol № _____ of _____)

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